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Survey No ..

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Application for Survey APPLICATION NO. 36 4.

To J. J. Mahof fey.	County Surveyor of Hans		
County, Texas, or to	District Surveyor of		
Land District:			
By virtue of Section 8 of an Act approved April 15,	1905, and Act May 16, 1907, I hereby apply for a survey of the		
following described unsurveyed land appropriated to the Po	ublic Free School Fund under Chapter 11, Act February 23,		
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Situated in Harris County	7, Texas, about 36 miles d. E.		
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I solemnly swear that I desire said land surveyed with the intention of buying it, and that I am not acting in col-			
lusion with, or attempting to acquire said land for another person or corporation.			
(N. B.—Write Name and P. O. Address Distinctly.)	Jue Berel Applicant.		
	P. O. Texas.		
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 22 2 day of	Lugust- , 1912.		
(SEAL MUST NOT BE OMITTED.)	Francis A. Cousens		
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I, OE Thinson Dep	County Surveyor of County,		
Texas, or Surveyor of	Land District, hereby certify that the above and foregoing		
application No 360 was filed for record on the 7 day	of Cert 9 1912, at O'clock M., and		
recorded in Vol. 7, page 24, in my office	Lowist. County, Texas.		
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Application for Survey

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Commissioner.

Lee Hawkins

Clerk

THIS APPLICATION WAS NOT GRANTED PRIOR TO JUNE 20, 1940. SEE SECTION I UBSECTION (;) OF H. B. 9 46th LEGISLATURE.

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The State of Texas, Plat of Survey No. . District. Blk. FIELD NOTES of a survey of 602.45 acres of land made for Jules Hirsch Harris County Variation 8 456 by virtue of his affidavit and application made before Francis H. Cousins Notary Public on the 22 day of Aug 1912 , and filed with the Surveyor of Harris County or Land District, on the 27 day of Aug 1912 , under Section 8 of an Act approved April 15, 1905, and amendment Act May 16, 1907, providing for the sale of the unsurveyed school land appropriated to the Public Free School Fund by an Act approved February 23, 1900. Said land is situated in Harris County, about 25 miles S. E. from county site, and known as Survey No. _____, in Block No. _____, beginning at the North West Corner of the Wm.Ssott League. THENCE East along the North line of said Scott League 4545 Vrs. to a stake in the most Easterly West line of the Harvey Whiting League. THENCE North 3/4° most Easterly West line of the Harvey Whiting League. THENCE North 3/4° East along said line 675 Vrs. to an interior Corner of the Harvey Whiting League. THENCE South 89 I/4° West along the most northerly South line of the Harvey Whiting League 4827 Vrs. to the South West Corner of Said Whiting League. THENCE South 3/4° West along the East line of the Wm. Hilbus Survey 585 Vrs. to its South East Corner. THENCE North 67 I/4° West along the South line of said Hilbus Survey 206 Vrs. to a point in the East line of the N. Lynch League. THENCE South 22° West along the East line of the Lynch League 476 Vrs. to the North West Corner of the James Strange Labour. THENCE South 68° East along the North line of the said Strange Labour 700 Vrs. to its North East Corner. THENCE North along the West line of the Wm. Scott League 600 Vrs. to the place of beginning. Enclosing 602.45 Acres of Land.to the place of beginning. Bearings marked Joe Moskowitz Chain Carriers. Q. T. Simpson Jr. Surveyed Oct / 1912 I, T. J. Mahaffey , Surveyor of Harris do hereby certify that the foregoing survey was made by me on the ground, and according to law; that the limits, boundaries and corners, with the marks, natural and artificial, are truly described in the foregoing Plat and Field Notes, just as I found them on the ground; and they are recorded in my office in Book " L ", page 44 This 14 day of Nov.

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SURVEYOR'S REPORT .

Houston, Texas, April 25, 1914

Honorable J. T. Robison, Commissioner, General Land Office, Austin, Texas.

DEAR SIR :

In terms of your request to me of March 10th last in the matter of the application for purchase by Mr. Jules Hirsch, of Houston, of certain tracts of land claimed as vacancies in Harris County, in the vicinity of what is known as the Goose Creek oilfields.

I came to Austin on the 8th instant, and made an exhaustive examination among the records of your office. In this
I was courteously assisted by Mr. Ernst Von Rosenberg, and Judge
Clark of your office. My investigation extended over three days,
during which I took numerous copies of field notes, reports of
surveyors, sketches, and in fact, of everything that seemed to me
in an immediate or remote degree to have any bearing on the
question of the vacancies and the original boundaries of the surrounding surveys. I also spent one day among the records of Harris
County, at Houston, in the same search and secured some supplementary data to which I will hereafter refer.

On the 14th instant, I went to Goose Creek, and began the survey the following morning.

Mr. Jules Hirsch has four applications for purchase on file, for as many distinctly separate tracts of land. Of these, two lie near Goose Creek oilfields which became the first objects of my investigations on the ground, that is to say, the 602.45 acres claimed to be between the North boundary line of the Upper Wm. Scott League and the South boundary line of the Harvey Whiting League, and 586.5 acres lying North of the Scott Labor and between the said Harvey Whiting, and the surveys on its East.

In determining these two applications, the true location of certain early surveys were of primary importance, to sayNathaniel Lynch surveyed by J. Ijams, Jan. 25, 1825 and the Jas
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Houston, Texas, April 25% 1914

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The Wm. Scott Lower League, and the Christian Smith League all surveyed by Isaac Hughes in February 1825; also the Wm. Hilbus Survey, surveyed by J.W.Henderson in 1839, and the Harvey-Whiting patented under a survey made by B. F. Roper in Nov. 1855.

These surveys called to connect for common corners, yet curiously enough, where any detailed description of a corner is given, the several descriptions for these common corners do not correspond.

As these surveys all date back to the early days of the colony and Republic of Texas, I was not hopeful that any original bearing trees called for were in existence now, or could be identified. I therefore looked into the records of Harris Courty for evidences of what had been recognized and identified as corners for a long period of years, and from a time when the original corners were probably well known. In that line of investigation, I received some information regarding the Scott Labor from an early deed, and in a partition among the heirs of Hannah Nash, in October 1843, also from a certified statement and sketch on file in your office made by J.J. Gillespie, filed Dec. 9th, 1886 who identifies the S. E. Corner of the Ben Barrow survey on Cedar Bayou by the bearing trees called for in that survey; Mr.Gillespie being the original surveyor of the David Mc Fadden Survey on Cedar Bayou, below and adjoining the Ben Barrow in 1868; the Barrow survey being originally surveyed by Geo. M. Patrick in March 1838.

Accepting that corner as trustworthy, I began my survey on Cedar Bayou, at what is now pointed out as the Barrow-McFadden corner. None of the bearing trees as described in either the Barrow or Mc Fadden field notes are now in evidence, but a Mr. Osgood who has known this land corner since 1883, said that the Galveston storm of 1900 had destroyed all of the old timber along the Bayou front, and prior to that date, a large Water Oak marked had stood on the bank near the water's edge, that was then recognized as a bearing tree for this corner.

As a test of this point, I ran four meander courses down Cedar Bayou, called for in the Mc Fadden field notes, and found them to fit the Bayou fairly well. I then returned to the point of beginning and ran South 80-1/2° West for 612 varas through a field and some young timber. When I struck into old timber, and followed an old plain backed and blazed line 2050 varas to the last marked tree in the edge of the timber, continuing the same course to a total distance of 3375 vs. At this distance J.J. Gillespie in his report and sketch indicates a connection with the N.W. corner of the Christian Smith League. Adopting his distance I turned South 9-1/2° Bast, and at 812 vs. came to the corner of a fence andold ditch, which is clamed by the property owners as the N.W. corner of the Christian Smith League.

From this corner, I ran South 10° East along a fence, and old ditch. At 1291 vs. entered a road and continuing with the center of the road South 9°Eat 3149 vs. a road turned South 80-3/4° West along what is claimed as the line between the Whitney-Britton and J.W.Singleton surveys, at 3421 vs. leave theroad; in all 5069 vs. to an iron anchor stock at a fence corner, pointed out as the S.W.Cor. of the Christian Smith and S.E. corner of the Whitney-Britton, which he also made a North corner of the Wm. Scott League on Cedar Bayou.

Thence, I turned North 76-1/2° West following a fence in the recognized boundary line of the Britton, 2971 vs. to a fence in the Scott Lower League West boundary. The Scott League calls for this course to be N.66° West, 2700 vs., but the property owners appeared to hold, according to the Whitney-Britton course and distance.

Thence, I ran S. 22° West, 3747 vs. to the recognized N. E. corner of the Scott Labor, at the intersection of an old fance, 4657 vs. an iron pipe recently set in the lower bank of Goose Creek Bayou; in all, 4709 vs. to a small Hackberry stump in the edge of the shore line the Scott Labor S.E.corner.

About one-half mile along the Bay Shore from this Evergreens, point was/the residence of Colonel Ashbel Smith, a noted Texan,

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who owned largely on the Scott Leagues and Labor. He made a deed of gift of 75 acres of the Lower Scott League along the lower or East boundary of the Labor to Mrs. Anna Wright, who was brought up by him. Mrs. Wright is now about 50 years of age, and has lived near this point practically all of her life. She says that the lower line of this Labor, in her earliest recollection, was marked by an old rail fence, none of which now remains, the present fence marking boundary line being of wire, and set a few feet to the Eastward of the rail fence; that there was an old post oak stump that had something to do with the S.E.Cor. of the Labor, and that surveyors used, but it has been gone a long time, and that some recent surveyors have adopted another double post Oak tree near by but it was not the old one she first knew, which was only a stump.

I am assured by County Surveyor Miller, also by Deputy Surveyor Packard, that there is a very old deed calling for that double post cak, but I was unable to find it in the records in the limited time at my command, the record being so voluminous.

In a deed from Scott's administrator to Hannah Nash, dated Oct. 4th, 1841, the N.E. corner of Scott Lbor is described as being in a small prairie, where a Pine 10" in diam. bears N. 13° E. 38 vs and the N.W.cor. of the Labor is described as "stake in a grove of Hickory trees in the N.E. boundary of Scott's Upper League now occupied by us."

The point I adopted as the N.E.corner of the Labor is in the edge of a small prairie, and a lone Pine 12" diam. in a grove of other trees is N.13° E. 39 vs. is evidently a subsequent growth.

The Mrs. Wright, aforesaid, informed me her earliest recollection of the original Pine was a large stump, which was long ago burned out in an extensive and destructive fire that came in from the prairie and swept through the timber.

From this corner, as identified, I ran North 68-1/4° West and at 1010 vs. cornered in a grove of old Hickory trees, at the intersection of old marked lines. Some of the blaze marks in the Hickory grove I took to be very old. In my observations, Hickory

retains a mark for a long time, and this is undoubtedly the corner described in the Scott conveyance of October 1841. In the original field notes, the N.W.corner of the Labor calls to be on the Post Oak with a Sassafras bearing S.10° E. 8 vs. I only found one decayed piece of a post Oak located about S.S.W. 25 vs. from this point, and some young Sassafras sapplings are nearby, but no old Sassafras trees. I also ran across the Bay front of the Labor to the iron pipe recently set for the S.W.cor. in the edge of the marsh line, from which I indentified the fact that it was also 1010 vs. perpendicular width on its bay front, and 1296 vs. long in its West boundary. No original bearing trees were found at this S.W.corner, no living Cedar whatever, but about 100 vs. up the bay shore, found one old decayed cedar stump.

Returning to the N.W.Cor. of the Scott Labor, as described in the Hickory Grove at intersection of old marked lines. I ran North, tracing an old marked line, at 2117 vs. the South edge of Goose Creek; 2132 vs. North edge of same at 2717 vs. South bank of Goose Creek again. At 3200 vs. N.W.bank of same; at 4960 vs. the South bank of Goose Creek again; at 4967 vs. North bank of same at about 5050 vs. passed the last marked line tree on this course; at 5250 vs. the called distance for N.E.cor. of Scott Upper League in the prairie from this point, I sighted West to the timber on Goose Creek, and searched for an old marked line through the timber but no line was found.

Returning to the N.5250 vs. point, I continued North to a total distance of 5987 vs. which is in open country in the middle of a rice farm; nothing found at this point. Thence ran West at 1120 vs. entered timber at about 1240 vs. pass old line trees; at 1645 we crossed Goose Creek. At 2407 vs. leave the timber, and continued with a line fence to 4827 vs. where I set a stake for distance to S.W. cor. from the Harvey-Whiting League in a graded road between rice farms; no marked corner found. The double post Oaks called for would be in a rice field that I am informed has been in cultivation for 8 or 10 years.

This course was plainly identified by a hacked and blazed line for 1200 vs. through the timber on Goose Creek.

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From the West 4827 vs., I turned S.600 vs. the called distance of the Scott Upper League to its W. corner; it being also a corner of the Wm. Hilbus, and the N.E.Corner of the Jas.Strange Labor, but the measurement terminated in a rice field with all timber cleared away; thence, turned N.68° W. at 700 vs. searched for a corner, being the distance for the Strange Labor N.W.corner, but nothing was found, though the measurement terminated in Pin Oak and Post oak timber; at 750 vs. the Wm. Hilbus distance in the E. side of the public road, but no corner was found; in all, 764-1/3 vs. and set a stake in the fence and hedge row, now claimed as the E. boundary line of the Nathaniel Lynch League. Thence, run S.22-1/3° W. with the road; at 1200 vs. leave the road; in all 1371 vs. to outer edge of shore line on the bay front. The called distance in the Scott is 1400 vs. and the Strange Labor is 1428 vs. No marked corner is found, and no evidences of Cedar observed. The point is in the mouth of the gully, and a fence marks the division line of property owners on the Nathaniel Lynch, and on the James Strange. The Bay Shore from this point appears to fit the conditions required for the Strange East & West boundary.

I did not run the meanders, but I have before me a map made by R.D.Bosworth of some recent work of his, in which he gives the actual meanders, and his courses show that the Strange can only be made to conform to its conditions called for where it is now recognized, and nowhere else, either above or below.

the Lynch, and being assured from J.J.Gillespie's certified statement of Dec.1886, before referred to, that there are new no direct existing evidence of its original N.W. corner, I went to the mouth of Spring Bayou, at the head of Burnett's Bay, called for in the original survey. This is a deep and well defined natural object about 8 vs. wide, and extends up into the country from the bay in a nearly due N. course. Adopting the Westage in the given meander courses of the Lynch from its beginning corner to Spring Bayou, I began at a point that is about 80 vs. N. of the mouth of Spring Bayou, and 4 vs. E. from the edge of Its East bank. Thence, I ran to the fence

Connecting on to the stake set at the 764-1/3 vs. point above noted;
Thence, South 22-1/3° W. 1371 vs. to the Bay Shore, and and closed with only a difference of 1.8 vs. excess in Eastage over the called Westage to Spring Bayou.

This closed my survey upon the ground. Mr. Hirsch, deciding through his representative, who accompanied me throughout the work, not to proceed further at this time.

It is to be observed that in all the lines I ran from the S.W.cor. of the Christian Smith League to the mouth of Spring Bayou, there was no notable excess found. On some lines, there was an actual shortage, save and except, the E. & N. boundary lines in the Upper Scott League which was in excess on the ground 737 vs. and 127 vs. respectively.

It is a matter of record that these excesses have been known and accepted from the period of about 8 years subsequent to the date of the original survey of the Upper Scott. Surveyor Geo. M. Patrick, as early as August 1833 (See his letter to Sam M. Williams Book #1, Page 165 in your office) in retracing the Scott lines, noted these excesses, and embodied them in the survey he made for Harvey Whiting, which appears to have been subsequently abandoned; the patented Whiting tracks being from survey made by Ben F. Roper in 1855, and Surveyor/divided his Whitney into three tracts, No. 1, 2, & 3. Tract #1, which is the main Harvey Whitney tract, calls for the recognized excess along the Scott League N. boundary, discovered by Geo. M. Patrick, , giving a distance of 4827 vs. to the Scott N.E.corner, which corner he places N.1020 vs. from the most Northerly crossing at Goose Creek in the Scott East boundary, which agrees with the facts as I found them on the ground. From thence, he meanders the Creek downward to the intersection of the Scott line at its most Southerly crossing on Goose Creek; thence, calls for a distance South 1410 vs. to his corner for the Harvey Whiting at the S.E. Cor of said Scott League; thence, S 68° E. 1,000 vs. slong the North boundary line of Labor granted to Wm. Scott with the N.E.Cor. of said Labor. He further emphasizes this given distance of 1410 vs. South of Goose Creek by calling for his small survey #2 to begin at a stake on the West bank of Goose Creek

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that is, N.1410 vs. from the S.W.corner of his survey No.1. The real distance from the N.W.corner of the Scott Labor along the Scott League E. boundary to the first crossing of Goose Creek, I found to be 2117 vs. to the water's edge; that this distance was much greater than 1410 vs. was well-known to the early property owners, and should have been within the knowledge of Mr. Roper in 1855, as being a matter of record in Harris County.

Hereto I attach copy of sketch taken from Probate Records of Harris County Book "F", Page #99, that was part of a report made by Commissioners in Partition of the Hannah Nash Estate of Oct. 30th, 1843, in which the distance from the Hickory Grove corner of the Scott Labor, thence North to Goose Greek, is given as 2080 vs. It is to be assumed from Surveyor Roper's close call of 1020 vs. to Goose Creek on the North, and his numerous meander courses down the Creek, that he actually ran out the Harvey-Whiting Survey upon the ground; but, in some way, he got his meander courses mixed up. His meander lines will not follow the Creek, but his distance/survey of No. 3 of 1700 vs. N. along the Scott line, as marked, will check fairly well; also his distance of 430 vs. along the same line between the Creek crossing called for in Survey No. 1 agrees fairly well, but the call of 1186 vs. N. in his Survey No. 2 is some 600 vs. in excess of the true distance, mislead by some error in his meander courses, and believed himself to be 600 vs. farther South than he really was, and apparently, placed his corner accordingly.

Hereto I attach plat of survey, and make it a part of this survey report; also a copy of wketch from the Probate Records above referred to.

Respectfully submitted,

SURVEYOR.

M. I, William/Leckie, Surveyor, do hereby certify that the lines, boundaries and distances, as above described, were actually run by me on the ground, and that the facts as set forth in the foregoing report are true and correct.

Surveyor.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of

Notary Public In & For

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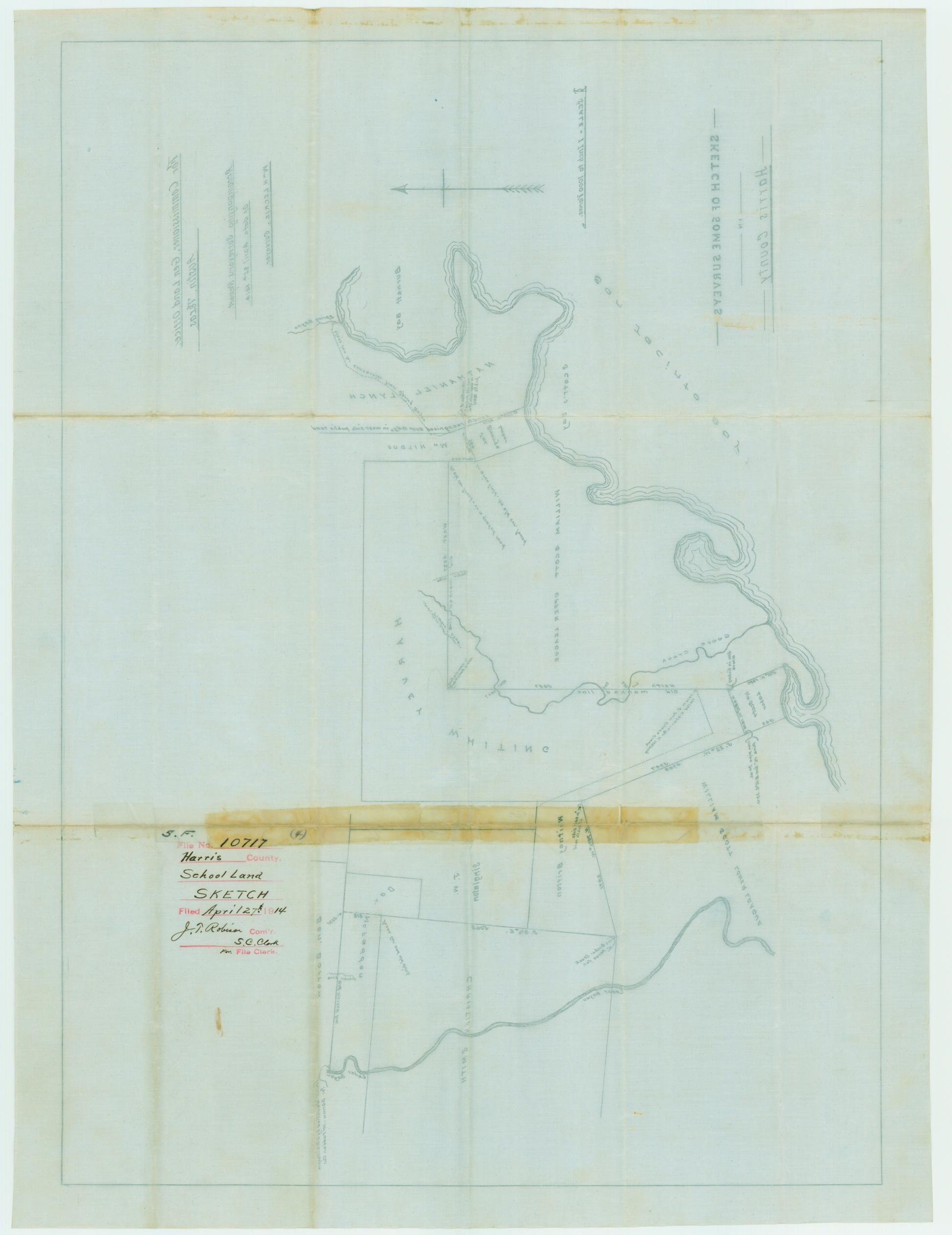
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Filed April 27th 1914

J.T. Relison, Com'r.

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For. File Clerk.

For Commissioner, Gen Land Office. Austin, Texas. Accompanying Surveyor's Report. Of date April 25th 1914. WMH LECKIE, SURVEYOR. For Barrow - McFadden Cor. Ben. Barrow Burnett Bay J. W. CHRISTIAN Singleton WILLIAM SCOTT UPPER LEAGUE Witney Britton SCALE - 1 Inch to 1000 Voras. 2. - SKETCH OF SOME SURVEYS -- Harris County



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Hon. J.T. Robison,

Commissioner of the General Land Office, Austin, T e x a s.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Jules Hirsch came to see me this afternoon and said that you desired from this Department an expression as to the effect of information which you have obtained to the effect that certain persons who claimed under the "Strange" grant a good many years ago had recognized that the "Strange" land was located at a place which would indicate that no vacancy existed North of the William Scott Grant. This information, I believe he states, is conveyed in a letter written a good many years ago, and it appears that the letter also indicates that the owners of the grants adjoining the "Strange" had perhaps acquiesced in or agreed to the claim of the owners of the "Strange" grant with reference to its location. We, of course, have no desire to render you an opinion on any question without a request from you, but since Mr. Hirsch has insisted that I do so, I am writing this letter to you merely as an off-hand expression of my opinion in the matter and also to repeat what this Department advised you orally some months ago with reference to the applications of Mr. Hirsch.

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It appears to me that the claim of the owners of the "Strange" grant with reference to its location, if it can be established, that they in fact made such claim, is merely a matter of evidence or defense in favor of those claiming that no vacancy existed. It would not be conclusive evidence, of course, since the real question to be determined is where the lands were in fact originally located. Since this is a matter of evidence and not of a conclusive nature, it, of course, does not call for any opinion on a legal question.

When the applications of Mr. Hirsch were under consideration during last year, I remember that this Department advised you that in this particular instance it would be satisfactory to this Department for you to award the land to Mr. Hirsch in the event you were satisfied that it was vacant land. This advice was, of course, contrary to the general policy of the Department, for we believed that land which is claimed adversely to the State should not be awarded as vacant land until after the State's right to it is finally adjudicated in a suit. We made the exception in this case on account of the fact that we were pressed with other work and because Mr. Hirsch promised that he would litigate the matter at his own expense and would not compromise his claim to the financial loss of the State.

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We understand that you have made some investigation, or had some surveying done, to determine whether or not this vacancy exists, and you are, of course, in a better position than we are to determine the fact.

As above stated, this letter is written to you at the request of Mr. Hirsch, that you may have before you in writing what has heretofore been stated to you by this Department.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Attorney Gener

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Houston, Texas, gept. 11, 1914.

Mr. J. T. Robison,
Austin, Texas.

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I have received your letter of Sept. 5th, wherein you advised me of the rejection of my oil and gas application for 122.78 acres in Harris County; I really feel that I should have the neward on this application, and so as soon as I have opportunity I shall take the matter up with you again.

action other than favorable upon my scrap land application to the tract to the north of the Scott league, which I claim as a vacancy between the Scott and the Whiting. I have again had surveyors at work on the ground and they have found the original line marking the north boundary of the Scott, a line not found by Mr. Lecky because he refused to go into the old timber which was obviously the only place where such an old line could be found. As you yourself intimated, this line clinches the existence of a vacancy. I am getting all of my data in shape to present it to you at my earliest opportunity.

Very truly yours,

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